

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 78

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 165

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 78—Relative to the Bill Keene Interchange.

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SCR 78, Cedillo. Bill Keene Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange of State Highway Routes 101 and 110 in the City of Los Angeles as the Bill Keene Interchange. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs and markers showing this designation, and to erect those signs and markers upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, plus a sign maintenance fee.

WHEREAS, Bill Keene was a traffic and weather reporter for KNX Radio in Los Angeles from 1957 until his retirement in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keene served in a similar capacity on KNXT/Channel 2 and was part of the highly successful “The Big News” with Jerry Dunphy and sports announcer Gil Stratton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keene was born on July 1, 1927, and started his professional career in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, winning an audition at his high school, and served in the United States Air Force in World War II as a pilot; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keene became interested in weather reporting as a career after an unruly winter interrupted his private flying lessons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keene worked at KBOL-Boulder and later hosted the “Bill Keene Show” in Los Angeles, which was a local variety show, where he met his future wife Louise Vienna; and

WHEREAS, In his traffic and weather-reporting days, Mr. Keene made traffic reports more interesting by referring to accidents with words like “cattywampus,” “chrome cruncher,” and “paint peeler;” and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to commemorate Mr. Keene’s many years of service to the southland motorist by designating the interchange of State Highway Routes 101 and 110 in the City of Los Angeles as the Bill Keene Interchange; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby

designates the interchange of State Highway Routes 101 and 110 in the City of Los Angeles as the Bill Keene Interchange; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and to erect those signs and markers upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, plus a sign maintenance fee, as determined by the department, that does not exceed 10 percent of the total cost of erecting the signs and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

